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A marked route through
the land he loved.



Illinois

37. Lincoln Trail Monument
Near Lawrenceville
38. Lincoln Trail State Park
Near Marshall
39. Lincoln-Douglass Debate Site
Charleston
40. Lincoln Log Cabin State Park
Near Charleston-Mattoon
41. Lincoln Trail Homestead
State Park
Near Decatur
42. Mount Pulaski Courthouse
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43. Postville Courthouse
Lincoln
44. Ann Rutledge Grave
Petersburg
45. New Salem State Park
Near Petersburg
46. Lincoln Home, Tomb,
Old State Capitol
Springfield
47. Old State House
Vandalia
48. William J. Bryan Birthplace
Salem
49. Rend Lake
Mt. Vernon
50. Ratcliff Inn
Carmi
51. Carl Sandberg Birthplace
Galesburg
52. Historic Mormon Settlement
Nauvoo
53. Quinsippi Island
Quincy
54. Courthouse —Duff Armstrong
Trial Site
Beardstown



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Where history comes alive!



A trip along the Trail is an opportunity to recapture those days of rough-hewn logs, one room schoolhouses and cabins in the wilderness. Traveling along the modern

highways and country byways that intertwine to make up the Lincoln Heritage Trail, you'll pass through towns and cities throbbing with memories of days gone by.

And history isn't all you'll find along the way. There's good fishing, swimming, boating, camping. The summer excitement of a county fair or a musical drama under the stars! You'll find excellent accommodations, gourmet restaurants or the mouth watering goodness of "home cookin'" at a roadside inn. Sample and enjoy the best of Lincoln Land.

Follow the Trail from Abraham Lincoln's birthplace near Hodgenville, Kentucky, where the cool, clear water still babbles in the nearby brook, through his boyhood years in Indiana. Pause at the simple grave of his beloved mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, located at the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Walk through the village of New Salem near Springfield, Illinois, on the same paths that felt the weight of his step. All along the way, history will happen again *for you!* For it was here in the Midwest that Abraham Lincoln dreamed the dreams and charted the course that led him to his greatest triumph...the preservation of our nation.

Kentucky

The Lincoln Heritage Trail winds through countless historic Lincoln memories in Kentucky. Here, you'll discover a rare, natural beauty that serves as a delicate accent to the state's many historic attractions. You'll enjoy the beautiful Bluegrass region,



with its world renowned race tracks (Churchill Downs!) and horse farms...the central cave area where stalactite and stalagmite formations defy description...the rivers, lakes and State Parks.

Here, Lincoln was born. His earliest days were spent on the Sinking Spring and Knob Creek farms, and it was in Kentucky that his talent for law came to the forefront. Here, too, his wife was born, and here he visited, both in Louisville and in Lexington.

Both Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Abraham's parents, grew up in Kentucky from early childhood. They were married near Springfield, and their courtship days are commemorated at Lincoln Homestead State Park. The Lincoln Marriage Temple now stands in Old Fort Harrod State Park at Harrodsburg.

Throughout the state, you'll find excellent accommodations and enjoyable vacation amusements...many of them Americana-Kentucky style. It's historic, and full of fun!

Indiana

You are entering Indiana which in 1816 became the homeland for 7 year-old Abraham Lincoln. It was here that Lincoln attended school when he could, split many a rail and read every book he could borrow. Indiana's forests and people shaped the man;



its political life and anti-slavery position shaped the future President.

On the Trail through Indiana you'll enjoy outdoor recreation in scenic Lincoln State Park adjacent to the historical Lincoln Boyhood

National Memorial in Lincoln City. You'll also want to make a special stop at the Lincoln Pioneer Village in Rockport.

The Howard Steamboat Museum in Jeffersonville recalls the days when steamboats plied the Ohio, while Santa Claus Land brings joy to young and old. Camera buffs will love the State's covered bridges, and visitors are intrigued by the famous Wyandotte and Marengo Caves. The natural beauty of Brown County beckons travelers to an interesting art colony and its galleries, while the roar of the Speedway track thrills all who view the Indy 500.

The history, scenery and excitement of Indiana invite you—Come enjoy it all!

Illinois

Visiting the many places that touched Lincoln's life in Illinois, you'll almost feel his gentle presence. The Trail enters Illinois at the very spot where his family first arrived in 1830, and carries you through history that marked Lincoln's earliest years as an able statesman.



You'll find where the Lincolns settled, now Lincoln Log Cabin State Park. In Charleston, the memory of the Lincoln-Douglas debate is still very much alive, right where it happened.

And as you travel, you'll be covering the same ground the struggling lawyer covered during his days as a circuit rider.

In New Salem, it's like history happening before your eyes. The 26 buildings in the village have been faithfully restored. You might even catch the scent of freshly baked bread in the air. The town is abuzz today just as it was then.

In Springfield, you can browse the Old State Capitol, visit Lincoln's old law office and walk through the only house he ever owned. Here, too, stands the magnificent Lincoln Tomb, a fitting tribute to one of the world's favorite American Statesmen.

And all along the Trail, you'll enjoy the many recreational and cultural attractions that await you in Illinois.

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Follow the 2,200 mile marked
highway through history that
parallels Abraham Lincoln's early
years as he lived them day by day.

